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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: IRANIAN DISCOUNT FARES

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1. IRANIAN EMBASSY RESPONDED ON MAY 6 TO DEPARTMENT NOTE OF APRIL 30 WITH DETAILED DEFENSE OF IRANAIR DISCOUNT FARES AND PROPOSAL THAT THESE FARES BE PERMITTED TO GO IN EFFECT ON MAY 15 PENDING CAB INVESTIGATION OF THEM. EMBASSY NOTE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. IRANAIR DISCOUNT FARES WERE MATTER KNOWN TO U.S. AUTHORITIES FOR SOME TIME AND THERE WAS SUFFICIENT TIME FOR GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS TO RESOLVE ANY DIFFICULTIES THE FARES MIGHT POSE THE U.S. AUTHORITIES;

B. AT THIS POINT THERE WOULD BE GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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DEFERRING EFFECT OF FARE BEYOND MAY 15, PARTICULARLY FOR THE MANY STUDENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE RESERVATIONS;

C. THESE FARES, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO STUDENTS, ARE

A MATTER OF NATIONAL POLICY TO MAKE POSSIBLE LOW COST
TRANSPORTATION TO IRANIANS ABROAD SO THAT THEY CAN MAINTAIN
CLOSE TIES WITH THEIR COUNTRY;

D. THE IRANAIR FARES APPEAR CONSISTENT WITH CAB POLICIES
CONCERNING FREE OR REDUCED RATE TRAVEL BY FOREIGN GOVERN-
MENT OFFICIALS AND WITH RECENT CAB DECISION APPROVING
YOUTH FARES ON NORTH ATLANTIC;

E. U.S. STATUTES AND REGULATIONS PERMIT DISPUTED FARES
TO GO INTO EFFECT PENDING CAB INVESTIGATION OF THEM;

F. THE GOI, THEREFORE, HOPES THE U.S. AUTHORITIES WILL
ALLOW THE DISCOUNT FARES TO GO INTO EFFECT ON MAY 15
PENDING ANY INVESTIGATION THE CAB MAY WISH TO CONDUCT
OR ANY CONSULTATIONS TO U.S. MAY WISH TO HOLD ON THE
SUBJECT; AND

G. IN THIS REGARD THE GOI PROPOSES GOVERNMENT CONSULTA-
TIONS IN EARLY MAY.

2. TEXT OF DEPARTMENT'S NOTE OF MAY 9 IN RESPONSE FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REFERS TO THE NOTE OF THE
EMBASSY OF IRAN OF MAY 6, 1975, CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF
THE DISCOUNT AIR FARES PROPOSED BY THE IRAN NATIONAL
AIRLINES CORPORATION.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE APPRECIATES THE DIFFICULTIES
WHICH WOULD BE ENCOUNTERED IF THE IRANIAN AIRLINE WERE TO
DEFER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE PROPOSED TARIFF BEYOND
MAY 15, 1975. IN LIGHT OF THE REPRESENTATIONS MADE
IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS PLEASED
TO ADVISE THE EMBASSY THAT THE APPROPRIATE U.S. AUTHOR-
ITIES WILL INTERPOSE NO OBJECTION TO THE USE OF THE PRO-
POSED AIR FARE FOR THE TIME BEING. IN DOING SO, THE U.S.
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AUTHORITIES EMPHASIZE THAT THEY RESERVE THEIR RIGHTS UNDER
ARTICLE 10 (G) OF THE UNITED STATES-IRAN AIR TRANSPORT
AGREEMENT SHOULD THE TWO GOVERNMENTS NOT REACH AGREEMENT
ON THE APPROPRIATE RATE FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS.

THE U.S. AUTHORITIES CONCUR IN THE DESIRABILITY OF HOLDING
CONSULTATIONS ON THIS MATTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRO-
VISIONS OF ARTICLE 10 OF THE UNITED STATES-IRAN AIR
TRANSPORT AGREEMENT. THEY BELIEVE THAT ADEQUATE TIME
SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO CONSIDER THE FACTORS INVOLVED AND
TO PREPARE FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS ON AN ORDERLY BASIS. TO
THIS END, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PROPOSES THAT SUCH CON-

SULTATIONS BE HELD IN WASHINGTON ON OR ABOUT MAY 27, 1975.

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